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Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 4:15 PM

To: sanjivpimple@gmail.com

Subject: 2016-02181 Complaints

Dear Sanjiv Pimple:

Thank you for contacting the California Department of Education (CDE) regarding the update of the History-Social Science Framework. We will forward your comments to the Instructional Quality Commission (IQC) and the State Board of Education (SBE), which are working on the framework update. The History-Social Science Subject Matter Committee (HSS SMC) of the IQC will be meeting on March 24-25, 2016, to review the comments received during the second field review of the draft framework and to determine whether to recommend additional edits to the SBE when it considers the framework at its May 2016 meeting.

The "accepted edits" that you referenced were recommendations by the California History-Social Science Project, which was the contracted primary writer for the framework update project. However, they are only recommendations at this point. The HSS SMC will be reviewing those recommendations at the public meeting later this week and will make its determination there. Even if the HSS SMC concurs with those recommendations, it will be the SBE's decision whether to make any edits to the framework prior to its approval.

If you have any further questions, please contact Kenneth McDonald, Education Programs Consultant, Curriculum Frameworks Unit, by phone at 916-319-0447 or by e-mail at kmcdonal@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,
Katina Oliphant
Superintendent's Correspondence Unit

The original inquiry follows:

I came to know that California Department of Education has accepted the history and social science edits to replace India with "South Asia" and replace "Hinduism" with "Ancient practices of South Asia" suggested by "South Asia Faculty Group". I hereby strongly protest these outright attempts by "South Asia Faculty Group" to distort the history of India and the Hinduism religion.

I am a parent who is living in California and I have two kids who study in California schools. I also come from India and practice Hindu religion. After carefully reviewing all edits suggested by "South Asia Faculty Group", it seems that California Department of Education is taken for a fun ride by these misguided group of professors. If India did not exist before 1947 independence as this south asia faculty group claims; then was Columbus came looking for India or South Asia? Did he not name Native Americans, "Red Indians" thinking that he found India? Didn't British name their company as "East India Company" hundreds of years ago? India always existed as a civilization of Indus Valley River; thus the name "INDIA" that was commonly used by Greeks, British and the Europe for at least thousand years. Similarly Hinduism is the predominant religion in India. Let India remain India and Hinduism remain Hinduism.

I request CDE to REJECT all edits suggested by these misguided few individuals belonging to "South Asia Faculty Group".